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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully respond as follows. Being made on or before January 20, 2004, no extension of time is required, as January 17th fell on a Saturday, and Monday, January 19th, Martin Luther King Day is an official USPTO holiday. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. The Examiner requires the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species under 35 U.S.C. 121. In response thereto, Applicant elect species I – Figs. 1 & 3. In connection with this election, Applicant requests examination of claims 1-9, 11-13, and 15-20.

Applicants reserve their right to file divisional application(s) on the non-elected species, species II – Fig. 2, or for consideration of additional species written in dependent form following allowance of a generic claim.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully assert that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Valerie K. Friedrich', written over a horizontal line.

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